



## Honors for AMA's founder and Virginia's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary are Reunion 2007 themes

### Colonel Larry Nicholson, '75, USMC, will be featured speaker

2007 is Virginia's 400<sup>th</sup> birthday. 2007 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of **Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.**, AMA's founder. And 2007 is the year we welcome back one of our own from two dangerous tours of duty in Iraq. Disparate themes to be sure but they will be played out seamlessly during Augusta Military Academy's Annual Alumni Reunion 26-28 April in Staunton and Fort Defiance.

The Friday Luxury Motorcoach Tour will take us to Richmond where we will see, among other things, the desk where Professor Roller sat when he was in the Virginia General Assembly. A musical program on Saturday will salute the Old Dominion on its 400<sup>th</sup> birthday. Founder's Day ceremonies in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery, including Confederate reenactors, will honor the great Professor. **Colonel Larry Nicholson, '75**, just back from command of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marines in Iraq, will bring a strong message to us all at the Saturday luncheon.

There'll be golf and a sporting clay shoot and maybe tennis, lots of parties and meal functions where the food will be measurably better this year. Awards will be handed out, the Roller Rifles will march again and an all AMA Color Guard will make us proud. And, for the first time, **CASINO NIGHT!**

There will be a chance for you to visit the museum and its displays honoring AMA's veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars and you'll have an opportunity to bid on some priceless items in the Annual Silent Auction. And before you leave on Sunday, you'll want to attend the Fellowship Breakfast hosted by **Coach Bill Ralph**.

These are each and all good reasons to come back to the reunion this year, but there are more important reasons, personal reasons. To see your roommate who you haven't seen since graduation day. To keep a friendship going even if you only see your friend once a year at an AMA reunion. Or to kindle new friendships with AMA folk who share your love for the school and who have memories that only Augusta men can share.

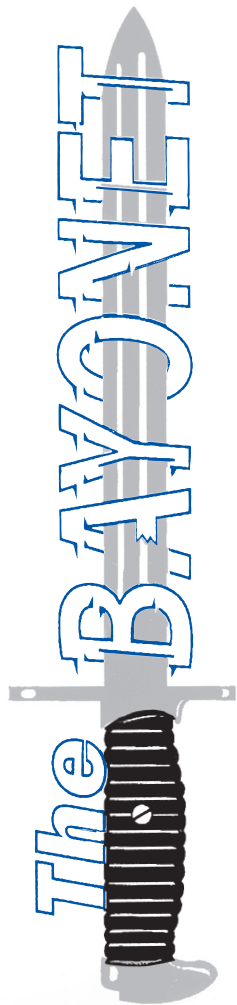
There's no better time than the Spring to be in the Shenandoah Valley. Remember those days which began with cool crisp mornings which segued into the warm kiss of Spring. It's a time when AMA cadets' hearts were looking ahead just a few weeks to the end of the school year. Come back and remember!

If you are thinking that maybe you'll come back one of these days but not necessarily this year, please read **President Granger's** letter on page 2. Life is so unpredictable. You'll love the experience – that's a promise – and you will never have to regret that you didn't get back to see that **special old friend**.



**Colonel Larry Nicholson**

Photo by Roger Mullis '76



SATURDAY NIGHT  
WILL BE  
**CASINO NIGHT**

*Return the blue  
registration form  
before 15 April  
and you'll SAVE!*

Sign up for the  
**ROLLER  
RIFLES**

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Augusta Military Academy  
Alumni Association, Inc.

January 2007

Dear AMA Friends,

Thinking about the soft sound of snow falling on the great trees next to the AMA Museum and the majestic sight of the snow capped Blue Ridge in the distance sends me to a time when life was less congested and everything seemed to have its place in the universe. Memories from that long ago spark a commitment to the future. So, Winter greetings, fellow alumni, faculty and AMA friends.

So many positive changes have taken place with the Alumni Association and the Alumni Foundation over the past few years. I am proud to be associated with the wonderful volunteers and active faculty and alumni who have made such a dynamic difference to our organizations. Our financial picture is now clear and we are headed in the right direction. Our Foundation's Board of Trustees works well together and is making the right decisions which will lead to a bright and productive future. The Association Board of Directors works hard on the issues of "the people" and committee members are focused on their tasks. As always, the Reunion Committee does wonders and Reunion 2007 will be another example of new and varied activities for us to enjoy. We are very fortunate to have so many active alumni. A tremendous "thank you" to the dedicated "doers" who make it all happen!

2007 marks 100 years since AMA's founder, **Professor Charles Roller, Senior**, passed away and 400 years since the first permanent English settlement in the New World was established at Jamestown. These two events will be remembered at the reunion along with continued attention to our Korean and Vietnam veterans. Scholarships, AMA Alumni Medals, and lots of time to bid on items in the Silent Auction are just a few of the things awaiting you.

I am elated that we have a very special speaker for our Saturday luncheon. It is our own **Colonel Larry Nicholson, USMC**, from the Class of 1975. He has been leading the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Division in Fallujah, Iraq. You will recall that he was severely wounded in 2005 and while stateside recovering from the impact of a rocket that killed a Marine next to him, he came to the AMA reunion last year before returning to Iraq for a second duty tour. I am sure that Larry will have a powerful message for us.

The Founder's Day activities honoring Professor Roller and the luxury motorcoach tour of Richmond where we will see where the Professor sat when he was in the Virginia General Assembly will be something to remember. We also have something new and special brewing for Saturday night – don't miss the fun!

As I read the Taps listings in last year's *Bayonets*, I am amazed and dismayed that we are losing so many fellows. We lost 41 alumni in 2006 alone which reminds me of how important it is to catch up with old friends now rather than putting it off. Recently, we have lost some of our most effective alumni and some of the losses have been more surprising than others. Who would have thought that **Alan Poole, '67**, would not be back to another reunion, or that **Gary Nicholson, '70**, would leave us at such an early age, or that the very healthy and active **Colonel Frank Pilley, '51**, would play tennis one day and not wake up the next. Former First Captain **Paul Bratton, '48**, as well as former AMA Alumni Association President **V. P. Leavel, '39**, also died in 2006.

It is what it is. We can't stop it or control it. All we can do is live, love and reach out to those we cherish. If you have been promising yourself that one day you would come back for a reunion or told others that you'll see them at a reunion "one of these days," now is the time to make good on those promises to yourself and to others.

Stay safe and healthy, dance like nobody's watching, and God Bless! See you at Reunion 2007 on 26-28 April.

Sincerely,

*Garry Granger, '71*

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



# Friday's trip – back in time

This year's luxury motorcoach tour on Friday 27 April will travel back in time to the years when AMA's Founder, **Professor Roller**, was a member of the Virginia General Assembly just after the Civil War. Virginia has the oldest continuous English-speaking lawmaking body in the New World and the tour will visit Richmond, Virginia's Capital.

The Capitol was designed by Thomas Jefferson and has been in continuous use since 1788. The original structure is the central portion of the building pictured at right. Built of hand-made brick, its walls are three to five feet thick. One of the stops on the Richmond tour will be a visit to the famous building and its magnificent rotunda with one of the world's finest portrait sculptures, Houdon's life-sized statue of George Washington, the only full-length sculpture for which the Revolutionary hero posed. The statue was viewed by many of Washington's contemporaries who said that it was a perfect likeness of their beloved leader. A bronze statue of Robert E. Lee stands where Lee stood when he accepted command of the Virginia militia in 1861.

On our tour of the Capitol Building, we will see where Professor Roller sat when he was a member of the Virginia General Assembly after the Civil War.

The Friday tour also will visit the Virginia Governor's Mansion, pictured below. This will be an opportunity not



**FROM COLONY TO COMMONWEALTH, Virginia has the oldest continuous English-speaking lawmaking body in the New World and the State Capitol, designed by Thomas Jefferson, is the working seat of the Old Dominion's government. We will visit the old chamber where Professor Roller sat when he was in the Legislature after the Civil War.**



**THE EXECUTIVE MANSION has been the official residence of Virginia's governors since 1813 and has welcomed such guests as Sir Winston Churchill, the Marquis de Lafayette, Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt and Lady Margaret Thatcher.**

available to many. The house is the oldest governor's residence in the nation still used for its original purpose. It was built in 1813 at a total cost of \$18,871.82! Still there to see is the Old Governor's Office where Virginia's Chief Executives conducted business until the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

In 1926, Governor Elbert Trinkle's five year old son held a sparkler too close to the Christmas tree starting a fire that burned the rear of the house. The governor's great-grandson is **Reverend E. Lee Trinkle, '53** while Governor Thomas B. Stanley's son is **Dave Stanley, '50**.

The House had had many famous visitors, among them the Marquis de Lafayette, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses Grant, French Marshal Ferdinand Foch, Sir Winston Churchill, both Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt and Lady Margaret Thatcher. The bodies of General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson and Arthur Ashe lay in state on the first floor of the Mansion.

Atlanta has *Gone With the Wind*. Seattle has the Space Needle. Richmond has Monument Avenue, the only street in the country to be a national historic site. From statues of Confederate heroes to the statue of tennis great and Richmond native Arthur Ashe, no visit to Richmond is complete without a ride down Monument Avenue.

Nor would a visit to Richmond be complete without a stop at Saint John's Church where Patrick Henry delivered his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech in 1775 to an audience which included Washington and Jefferson.

Once again, we are so grateful to **Bob Hume, '63**, who furnishes the lovely luxury motorcoach for the tour. Lunch is part of the tour package. Sign up when you register!

# Reunion 2007 Schedule - Honoring AMA's founder and Virginia's 400<sup>th</sup> birthday

## THURSDAY 26 APRIL

10:00 AM ..... Alumni House/Museum open  
PX open at the museum

Noon - 4 PM .. Early Bird registration  
Holiday Inn  
Hospitality Tent open

Noon - 1 PM .. Casual golf tee times  
Location to be announced

5:00 - 7:00 PM Early Arrival Cocktails  
with heavy hors d'oeuvres  
Staunton Country Club

All evening .... Hospitality Tent open  
Holiday Inn  
Tower of Power opportunities

## FRIDAY 27 APRIL

8:00 AM .... Golfers register, photos  
Ingleside Country Club

8:00 AM ..... Motor coach tour  
Historic Richmond  
*Meet in parking lot nearest  
the Tent at the Holiday Inn*  
Motorcoach courtesy of  
**Bob Hume, '63**  
Hosted by  
**Bev and Frank Williamson, '60**

9:00 AM AMA Open Golf Tournament  
Ingleside Country Club  
Contact: **Mickey Toms, '67**  
[cmtoms@earthlink.net]

9:00 AM - 6:30 PM ..... Registration  
Hospitality Tent open  
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM ..... Alumni House/Museum open

1:00 PM ..... Tennis  
Site to be determined  
Contact: **Blaine Clarke, '72**  
[Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net]

4:30 PM .. Motor coach tour returns

All evening ..... Tower of Power opportunities

5:45 PM ..... AMA Reception  
Cash bar/Hospitality Tent  
Registration Room closes

6:30 PM ..... Honor Class photos  
Hospitality Tent

7:00 PM ..... AMA Awards Banquet  
*Attire: Coat and tie*  
Holiday Inn Ballrooms  
AMA Scholarship Awards  
AMA Alumni Medals  
Honor Classes & Special presentations  
Silent Auction begins in Banquet Room

9:00 PM .... Hospitality Tent reopens

## SATURDAY 28 APRIL

7:30 AM .. Coffee, juice and pastries  
outside AMA Alumni Association  
Board of Directors meeting room

8:00 AM ..... Final registration  
outside Board meeting room

8:30 AM Annual membership meeting  
*followed immediately by*  
AMA Alumni Board of Directors

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ..... Alumni House/Museum open  
Display of military equipment  
Courtesy of **Marc Mehler**  
AMA Blacktop

11:00 AM ..... 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
Founders Day ceremonies  
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery  
Alumni who have passed on since  
Reunion 2006 will be remembered  
Firing squad, Confederate re-enactors  
honoring **Professor Charles Roller, Sr.**  
Colors provided by re-enactors  
Taps, **Phil Myers, '71**

12:00 PM .. Lunch, AMA Gymnasium  
Soupie by Bugler **Phil Myers, '71**  
Colors: Former **AMA Color Guard**  
**The Staunton Ovation** honors  
Virginia's 400<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Jamestown re-enactor  
Luncheon speaker:  
**Colonel Larry Nicholson, '75, USMC**

Honors to AMA Alumni who died  
in the Korean and Vietnam Wars  
*Immediately following luncheon,  
proceed to the Parade Ground for:*  
Drill exhibitions by  
**Massanutten Military Academy**  
and the new **Roller Rifles**  
**AMA Color Guard**  
**AMA drummers**

*Immediately following exhibitions,  
Knock out drill exercises led by  
**Sergeant Major Helms of MMA**  
Inspection by VMI cadets*

Alumni House/Museum will be open  
until 4:30 PM

3:00 PM ..... Sporting clays shoot  
Flying Rabbit  
Harrisonburg  
Contact: **Blaine Clarke, '72**  
[Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net]

4:30 PM ..... Alumni House/Museum closes

5:30 PM.  
..... Cash bar/Holiday Inn Hallway  
Class meetings and class photos

7:00 PM until ..... Dinner and  
**CASINO NIGHT**  
Holiday Inn Ballroom

Final opportunity for Tower of Power  
and final drawing

8:30 ..... Silent Auction closes  
**precisely at 8:30 PM**

**CASINO NIGHT! All profits go to  
the AMA Alumni Foundation**

## SUNDAY 29 APRIL

9:00 AM . Alumni Fellowship Breakfast  
**Coach Bill Ralph**  
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM ..... Alumni House/Museum open

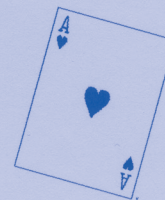
Noon ..... Roller Riders depart  
from front of Big Barracks







**SATURDAY NIGHT  
AT REUNION 2007**  
will be



# CASINO NIGHT

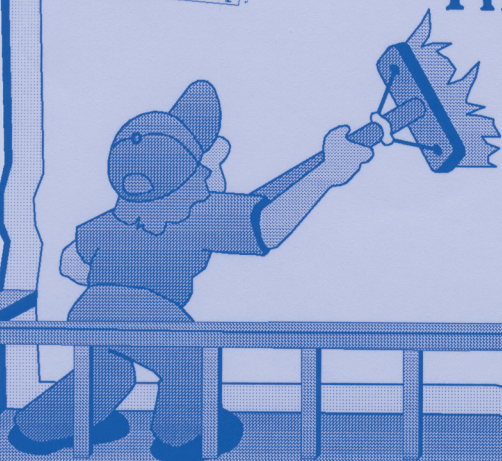


**Read all about it in  
the next issue of  
The Bayonet**



**More fun than you can imagine!**

**Craps! Roulette! Black Jack!  
Texas Hold `em!  
River City Horse Racing!**





# ***Time to nominate AMA alumni and friends for Alumni Medals***

Nominations for the 2007 AMA Alumni Medals are now being solicited. This will be the ninth year that these medals have been awarded to those who have given extraordinary service to the AMA Alumni Association and/or the AMA Alumni Foundation. Recipients will be announced at the Awards Banquet Friday evening 27 April during Reunion 2007.

Individuals nominated should have done some very special thing for Augusta or may have, with a series of smaller contributions, done great service to AMA when all their actions are totalled. Those who have received medals in the past may receive them again.

The members of the 2007 Medals Committee are Bob Bradford, '50, Chairman; Garry Granger, '71; Frank Williamson, '60; Goodloe Saunders, '57; Rod Willey, '51, Bob Harris, '54, and Don Studer. Members of the Medals Committee are not eligible to receive a medal in the year they serve on the committee.



The 2006 winner was Clyde Ramsey, '49. Other past winners were Reverend Greg Douglas, Colonel Will Parkins, '35, the late Joe Salicrup, '31, Hap Starr, '51, Norvell West, '83, the late Paul Bratton, '48, Ed Chauncey, '49, Ed Click, '50, Bob Hume, '63, the late Ronnie Mahanes, '53, Bobby Rhea, '47, Frank Spencer, '49, Jim Councill, '49, George Holt, '60, Julian Quarles, '35, the late Hilton Roller Grasty, Dave Conrad, '59, Duke Fancher, '58, Bob Harris, '54, Sergeant Joe Josephson, Sergeant Don Studer, the late Gary Nicholson, '70, Goodloe Saunders, '57, Steve Trent, '70, Jerry Wildman, '57, Ben Zinkhan, '60, Gordon Metz, '68, B.J. d'Orsay, '70, Chief Chester Cole, the late Mickey Gordon, '39, Tommy Simmons, '52, Steve Pearson, '72, the late V.P. Leavel, '39, and the late Bill Gray, '37. Williamson and Bradford also were medalists.

AMA alumni, faculty and friends are entitled to nominate deserving individuals for the honor. *The medals can be awarded to AMA alumni, AMA faculty members or to AMA friends.*

**Deadline to make nominations: 31 March 2007**

***Nominations should be submitted to:***

AMA Medal, AMA Alumni Association

P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101

FAX 540/248-4533 — E-mail: [AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com](mailto:AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com)



# What do you have for the 2007 SILENT AUCTION?

Every AMA Reunion gives the attendees an opportunity to buy some spectacular things at reasonable prices. And since all of the items for sale are donated, **all of the money collected goes directly to AMA!**

So, what do you have in your basement, garage, or your closet that you were going to sell "one of these days?" How about donating such things to the AMA Silent Auction for which you can take a tax deduction.

The Silent Auction Chairman is **Dave Conrad, '59**, who does an outstanding job every single year. Please tell Dave or anyone at the AMA Museum that you will be bringing a special item or items to the auction, and we'll be on the lookout for it or them. Call Dave at 434/735-8414 or the museum at 540/248-3007.

Whether or not you have something to donate, make it a point to bid on the great items you will see at the reunion! The Silent Auction items will be on display in the Banquet Room at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center both Friday and Saturday evenings. The auction **will end precisely at 8:30 PM on Saturday 28 April.**

## REGISTER EARLY AND YOU'LL SAVE!

**You can save on your registration and meal functions by registering  
BEFORE 15 APRIL 2007**

See complete details on the enclosed blue registration form

***Don't be disappointed! Make your hotel reservations NOW for Reunion 2007!***

### HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

#### **Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center**

\$82 a night + tax  
1/800/932-9061  
or 540/248-6021

### OFFICIAL HOTEL

#### **Quality Inn**

\$52.99 + tax Thursday night  
\$62.99 Friday and Saturday nights

*The two hotels listed above  
are at Exit 225 off I-81  
at Virginia Route 275.  
Most functions will be  
at the Holiday Inn.*

### OTHER STAUNTON HOTELS

#### **Comfort Inn**

1302 Richmond Avenue  
\$64 single - \$68 double + tax  
540/886-5000

#### **Microtel Inn**

200 Frontier Drive  
\$64 + tax  
540/887-0200

#### **Guesthouse Inn**

42 Sangers Lane  
\$59.99 + tax  
540/885-3117

#### **Best Western**

92 Rowe Road  
\$60 + tax  
540/885-1112

#### **Staunton Sleep Inn**

222 Jefferson Highway  
\$62.95 double or 72.95 King + tax  
540/887-6500

### HARRISONBURG

#### **Best Western**

I-81 at Exit 247A  
\$54 + tax  
540/433-6089

**The AMA Alumni Association does NOT make hotel reservations! Make your hotel reservations early, and be sure to send in the BLUE reunion registration form.**

# **SNOWBALLS turn to avalanches, then back to SNOWBALLS**

After the 2006 reunion, **Blaine Clarke** and I were discussing Reunion 2007 realizing that it was going to be our 35<sup>th</sup> year and that the AMA Alumni Association would be highlighting that fact. We went through the typical, "Gee, we ought to contact everyone" discussions to see if we could best previous reunion records for class attendance.

If you consider the above conversation between Blaine and me the snowball, the avalanche began when we learned that **Tom DelValle** is retiring from the Roller Rifles organizational role. Apparently, Tom suggested my brother, **Keith Traylor**, to **Garry Granger** as the person to organize the RR in 2007.

Garry called Keith, Keith called me, I called Blaine, and Blaine called **Scott Rosenstein** who then received an e-mail from **Willie Walker**.

You get the idea and no doubt we'll know by Spring if this was good luck or misfortune though I tend to be optimistic and side with the "luck" part of the equation. As good as the re-enactment of the Roller Rifles was in 2005 and 2006, I have to believe that the third time will be **The Charm!**

Keith has **Thom McCabe** and **Billy Morales** lined up to be the drummers this year and Willie Walker has put together the Color Guard. While I am planning to contact everyone who was in the Roller Rifles the two years before my class, I would like to recruit more former Roller Rifles members to make the platoon larger by a squad.

THAT would be an accomplishment and should be our goal for Reunion 2007.

For those who **Recall**, the 2006 re-enactment of the Roller Rifles was itching to do the "Change Squad" maneuver, but without a fourth squad we can not complete that part of the drill. We also discussed marching in "the Circle" again, but we can forget the Queen Anne Salute unless **Harry**

**Baldwin** and **Lewie Kennett** can arrange for a few of their EMT buddies to be on hand with their ambulances.

As this goes to press, my other brother, **Ken Traylor**, is piecing together his tape of our 2006 performance. My significant other, Joanne, taped our practice session on Friday afternoon but the tape malfunctioned. Ken is attempting to revive the tape and include it with the performance tape. Both Ken and Joanne are coordinating their efforts this year to capture our **Charm** performance.

Unbelievably, Blaine showed up at my house with a pristine copy of our 1972 graduation program so we could scan it and begin the process of contacting people from our class.

Blaine's interest remains recruiting the largest single attendance for a class at an AMA Reunion. He also wants to develop more interest in the sporting clays shoot which he coordinates every year but he will not turn you away if you call him about the Roller Rifles.

Keith is a total musician and is jamming away so we won't see him until the Spring. But if you get a hankering, you can contact one or all of us:

**Blaine Clarke:** 301/540-6455

[blaine.clarke@comcast.net](mailto:blaine.clarke@comcast.net)

**Keith Traylor:** 301/802-0097

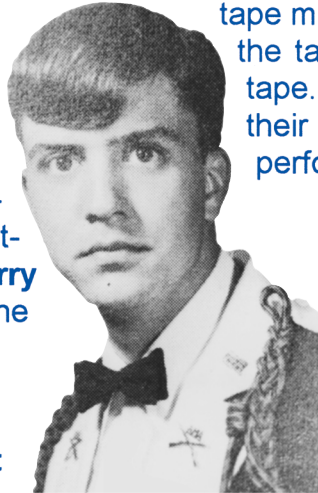
[keith@chevyCHASEpiano.com](mailto:keith@chevyCHASEpiano.com)

**Steve Traylor:** 301/353-9295

[steve.traylor@comcast.net](mailto:steve.traylor@comcast.net)

As a postscript, an hour after I scanned the 1972 graduation program, I located **Stan Rasberry** in Cedar Grove, Kentucky.

Finally, I want to believe that one of us will finally defeat Massanutten Military Academy in the knockout drill contest which immediately follows the Roller Rifle exhibition!



**Steve Traylor,**  
**1972 Recall**



# Roller Rifles, AMA Color Guard at Reunion 2007

Not only will the Roller Rifles march again at the 2007 reunion but an all AMA Color Guard will carry proudly the flags of the United States, the State of Virginia and the Augusta Military Academy. Saturday 28 April will see the Roller Rifles exhibition on the Drill Field after the luncheon in the gym. A drill team from Massanutten Military Academy also will perform and the two units will have a knock-out drill to see who is the last man left standing. The last few years, it has been a Massanutten cadet.

**Steve Traylor, '72**, is organizing the Rifles this year. His plea for participation is on the facing page. Steve hopes to reverse the recent trend and see an AMA man the last one standing in the knock-out drill.

The Color Guard comes mostly from the original Colors carriers of 1970-71: **Willis Walker, Dr. Richard Whitaker, Scott Rosenstein, and Blaine Clarke** who will be joined by **Brett Thompson** from the Class of 1975. **Thom McCabe, '74**, and **Billy Morales, '73**, will provide two-thirds of the drummers who will give the Rifles their cadence. The AMA Color Guard will present the Colors at lunch and will march with the Roller Rifles after lunch.

The Massanutten Drill Team and the Roller Rifles will perform separately, then will combine for the knock-out. MMA's Sergeant Major Helms will run the drill, a spirited affair with cheers going up from

spectators around the bowl as Augusta men are able to remain in the contest. AMA Alumni Association

President **Garry Granger, '71**, remarked, *"It is nothing short of amazing that the fellows who marched last year only had a hour or so of practice on the Friday before their Saturday exhibition. Some of the troops had not shouldered a weapon in 30 years, but you certainly would never have known it from their awesome performance."*

Traylor is eager to recruit more marchers this year and says that not only former Roller Rifles members may participate, but any former AMA cadet is welcome to join the merry band of cadence keepers. As **Jim Hash, '72**, put it: *"I see genuine pride and not only acknowledgment that they looked good last year, but they damn well enjoyed themselves."*

If you want to march with the Rifles at the reunion, contact one of the fellows whose names are on the facing page. Any one of them can answer your questions and enhance your interest.

Uniforms are furnished to the participants and come to about \$120 each. That's for fatigues, combat boots, a web belt, shoulder cords, white gloves and berets. The equipment will be yours to keep for possible use in future years. The Roller Rifles will carry .03s.

Right now – while it's in the forefront of your mind – call to sign up.



1971 Color Guard



**At Reunion 2007, Steve Traylor, '72, was on bass drum, Thom McCabe, '74, on tenor drum, and Billy Morales, '73, on snare. They kept the Roller Rifles in perfect cadence last year.**





## AMA Legacy Awards

# Three \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded at reunion

Is your son or daughter —  
Your grandson or granddaughter —  
Your great-granddaughter or  
great-grandson in college or  
about to go to college?



Then, you'll want to get an application for  
an **AMA Legacy Scholarship** right away!

Three scholarships, each worth \$3,000,  
will be awarded at Reunion 2007.

***Completed applications must be returned  
no later than 24 March 2007!***

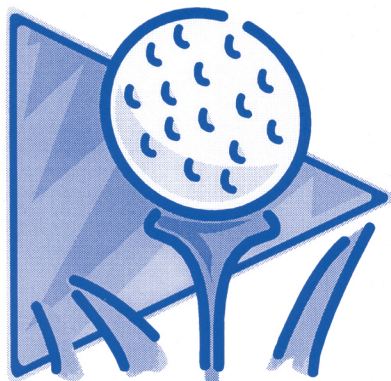
The AMA Legacy Scholarships are awarded each year to the direct descendants of AMA alumni who are 25 years of age or less, and are either enrolled in (or about to enroll in) an institution of learning past the high school level. Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc., of alumni are eligible to apply whether they are natural born, adopted, or step-children, grandchildren, etc. The awards are paid directly to the institutions. **Chris Meek, '84**, Scholarship Chairman, says that two of the awards will be based on academic excellence and extracurricular activities while the third may be given to a worthy applicant whose academics are not perfect but whose leadership qualities excel. **Completed applications must be received by 24 MARCH 2007** in order that judging may be completed and the winners notified before the reunion.

***CHRIS ANTICIPATES RECORD PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR.  
HE ENCOURAGES ALL ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS TO APPLY.***

Notification will be sent out to all applicants within a week of the completion of judging. Winners will be invited to the Reunion 2007 Awards Banquet on Friday 27 April.

**To obtain a scholarship application, write to:  
Scholarships, AMA Alumni Foundation,  
P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100  
Phone: 540/248-3007 or FAX 540/248-4533  
E-mail: [AMAAumniHouse@aol.com](mailto:AMAAumniHouse@aol.com)**





# **THE 2007 AMA GOLF OPEN**

**INGLESIDE COUNTRY CLUB**

**FRIDAY 27 APRIL - 9 AM**

**Shotgun start**

Four person team scramble (Captain's choice) + Use every player's tee shot twice + Low score wins  
PROCEEDS TO THE AMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION

Everyone welcome! Men, women and teens! Prizes for First, Second and Last Place!  
Longest putt! Closest to the pin! Longest drive!

DRAWING FOR PRIZES + \$10 PER MULLIGAN (Limit, two per player)

**\$100\* PER PLAYER** includes 18 holes of golf, all greens fees,  
cart, lunch, goody bag, prizes and a contribution to AMA.

**Make check payable to: AMA Alumni Association** \* Includes two mulligans!

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RETURN THIS FORM (photo copy OK) TO: AMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, P.O.BOX 101, FORT DEFIANCE, VA 24437

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap, or last three scores \_\_\_\_\_

SELECT ONE BELOW

☐ I will play with anyone. Team me with \_\_\_\_\_

We have a foursome (name and class for each) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**DEADLINE TO ENTER: 13 April 2007**

## Sporting clay shoot set for Saturday afternoon at reunion

The annual Sporting Clay Shoot will be held on Saturday afternoon 28 April during Reunion 2007. The shoot will take place after the events on the Drill Field.

Event organizer **Blaine Clarke, '72**, says that participants can bring their own weapons or they will be furnished with one at the range. "We need a minimum of four shooters in order to reserve time at the Flying Rabbit near Harrisonburg," Clarke says.

Contact him at: [Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net](mailto:Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net), or phone him at 301/540-6455.



## Tennis, anyone?

For the last several years, participation in tennis at the annual reunions has dropped dramatically. From having a couple dozen reunion goers who played Fishburne alumni a few years ago, the number dropped to four in 2005. No one signed up for tennis at Reunion 2006.

"If there are AMA alumni, friends, teens, men or women who want to play tennis at Reunion 2007, that can be arranged easily," says **Blaine Clarke, '72**. "We just need to know in advance if there will be people coming to the reunion who will want to play."

If there is a tennis match at Reunion 2007, it will be played in memory of the late **Colonel Frank Pilley, '51**, who organized the tennis event for several years. Frank passed away suddenly 15 November 2006.

If you want to play tennis during this year's reunion, contact Blaine at: [Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net](mailto:Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net) as soon as possible, or phone him at 301/540-6455.

**When you register for the reunion, be sure to make a hotel reservation!**

**Hotel and motel accommodations are NOT part of the registration fees. The Alumni Association does NOT make hotel or motel reservations. A list of area hotels can be found inside. Hurry! Some fill up fast!**



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1937 - No class agent  
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1957 - Goodloe Saunders  
1962 - Bob Gebeaux  
and Bob Ridgeway  
1967 - Mac McInnis  
1972 - Lewie Kennett  
1977 - Shawn Ogimachi  
1982 - No class agent

**Register for Reunion 2007 before 15 April and you'll save!**